

## FOUR MONTHS TO FINISH IT

Consul Stowe Says Boers Have No Chance to Win.

## BRITISH VICTORY ASSURED.

Says Lord Kitchener Will Follow General Plans of Lord Roberts—Boer Prisoners Cry for Peace—Says Burghers' Farms Are Only Burned for Cause.

London, Dec. 5.—James G. Stowe, the United States consul general at Cape Town, landed at Southampton yesterday in the identical coat worn when he was on his way to Pretoria on a special mission. A bullet hole in the collar of his coat testified to the narrowness of his escape. Mr. Stowe likened the guerrilla warfare in progress in South Africa to the closing scenes of the civil war in the United States.

Mr. Stowe said: "I give the war in South Africa four months to come to an end. In my opinion it is bound to be snuffed out during that period. I do not believe Lord Kitchener will do much more than any other general. The general plan of the British campaign is bound to bring about the result. Moreover, there are 16,000 Boer prisoners in Ceylon, St. Helena and Cape Town, all of whom are anxious to have an end of hostilities.

"All this talk about burning farms is buncombe. The only farms which are destroyed are farms from which shots are fired at the British, or those which are obviously used to shelter the Boers."

Mr. Stowe went on to relate several instances where the British had good excuse for burning farms, but refrained.

## Anti-British Demonstration.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The press continues a lively discussion regarding Mr. Kruger and disappointment deepens at Emperor William's refusal to receive him. Nevertheless, many journals admit the political necessity for the Kaiser's act.

According to the Frankfurter Zeitung, Emperor William not only informed Mr. Kruger that he was unable to receive him, but expressed the wish that the Boer statesman would avoid Berlin at present. Dispatches from Cologne describe Mr. Kruger as very weary. He keeps his room for rest and is unable to resist the German cold. The crowd that demonstrated before the British consulate in Cologne tried to tear down the sign.

## FRAUD COST BARBER'S LIFE.

Insurance Adjuster Charges Conspiracy in Connection With Death of Iowa Man.

Sioux City, Dec. 5.—J. H. Hurd of the Laboringmen's Co-operative Life Association returned to Sioux City yesterday after an extensive trip in the west and declares he has secured evidence of one of the most sensational life insurance frauds ever undertaken. George A. Barber of Webster City, Ia., who held a policy for \$7,900 in the company, is dead at Pagosa, Colo., and Mrs. Myrtle Wright of Chicago and W. R. Neff are under detention at the same place, being held to appear at the coroner's inquest, suspected of Barber's murder.

Hurd declares his investigations warrant the belief that Barber got his policy with the intention of defrauding the company and that the woman and Neff were in the scheme.

## Defect in Biennial Election Amendment.

Des Moines, Dec. 5.—A defect in the manner of the passage by the legislature of the resolution for the constitutional amendment providing for biennial elections was unearthed yesterday, which, it is generally believed, will render the amendment void. The constitution provides that when resolutions for submitting amendments to the popular vote pass the legislature they must be spread in full upon the journals of each house. The senate journal record is complete, but the house journals give the title to the resolution only. Attorney General Remley said: "I have not thoroughly investigated the matter, but my impression is that in view of the holding of the Iowa supreme court in the prohibitory amendment case, the defect in the record as to the biennial election amendment is void."

## Discuss Care of State Wards.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Governor Mount of Indiana, Judge Kinne of Des Moines, Ephraim Banning of the Illinois state board of charities, and Mrs. Julia La-throp of Chicago were the leaders last night in a meeting at the Union League club, which discussed the non-partisan administration of state institutions. Governor Mount and Judge Kinne told of the new systems which had been placed in service in Indiana and Iowa for the abolition of the spoils method of caring for the wards of the states. "It is the greatest disgrace to a state," said Judge Kinne, "that the care of the helpless wards of a state should be entrusted to men who have no other claim than that they were energetic in the support of a successful party."

Heiress Shot by Jealous Husband. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Mary Webster Salles, heiress to a portion of the large wealth left by Lawson Webster, a bachelor uncle, just as she was about to come into her legacy after years in the kitchen and at the wash-tub, is lying with a bullet in her brain at St. Joseph's hospital. She was shot at her home in May street yesterday by her jealous husband, Robert L. Salles, who, after the deed, sent a bullet through his own brain and died instantly.

## MANY CATTLEMEN THERE.

International Live Stock Exposition Draws Crowds From Everywhere.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Immense crowds were present today when the judging of the various classes of blooded animals on exhibition at the international live stock exposition at Dexter park pavilion was continued. The exhibitions of the agricultural colleges of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa are regarded as one of the most important features of the exposition and the animals bred and raised by the students of those institutions, about 100 in number, were examined with great interest by stock raisers. In a number of classes so far judged they have received first, second and third prizes, something never attained by agricultural colleges before.

The sale of stock of the Hereford Breeders' association started yesterday and hundreds of prominent stockmen from all over the country were present to bid for the various grades of blooded cattle.

## INTEROCEANIC CANAL.

Commission Reports in Favor of the Nicaragua Route—Cost of Ditch Two Hundred Millions.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The report of the isthmian canal commission, submitted by the president to congress yesterday, gives as the unanimous conclusion of that body that "the most practicable and feasible route for an isthmian canal, under the control, management and ownership of the United States, is that known as the Nicaragua route."

The commission estimates the cost of this route at \$200,540,000. This estimate is much in excess of any heretofore made and is due to increased dimensions and other features not heretofore considered. The commission also estimates the cost of a canal by the Panama route at \$142,342,579, according to one route, or \$156,378,258 according to another route. As between the Nicaragua and Panama routes, the commission sums up a number of advantages favorable to the former.

## Lind May Not Name a Republican.

St. Paul, Dec. 5.—Governor Lind is still finding difficulty to find a Republican who will accept the appointment to the United States senate. He was called on by many members of his own party who are inclined to protest at his decision not to appoint a Democrat, claiming that some leader of the party should be given the honor, even though the term would expire within six weeks or two months, when the legislature acts. L. L. Brown of Winona is being urged and former Congressman C. A. Towne is not altogether out of the race.

## Out Smith From Board.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Lloyd J. Smith, who was acquitted in the criminal court of a charge of shipping grain from the warehouses of the Chicago Elevator company without cancelling the receipts, was found guilty by the board of directors of the board of trade yesterday and was expelled from his seat in that organization. The trial lasted for 11 days.

## Guarding Against Bubonic Plague.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 5.—The state of Louisiana established a quarantine station here yesterday to guard against the possible introduction of bubonic plague into that state from the far east by the Pacific coast. The Louisiana health officers will work in conjunction with the Texas inspectors.

## Bishops Meet at Dubuque.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 5.—The suffragan bishops met here yesterday with Archbishop Keane. Those in attendance were Bishops Cosgrove of Davenport, Scannell of Omaha, Bonacum of Lincoln and Lenihan of Cheyenne. The session was secret. The bishops positively refused information.

## Germans in a Tight Place.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 4.—Four companies of German troops are reported to be seriously menaced 35 miles west of Pao Ting Fu. Eight companies of French troops, with three days' rations, have left to go to their relief.

## Allan Liner Disabled.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 5.—The Allan line steamer Parisian is reported by a pilot boat to be broken down off Sambro. The pilot boat has just come up the harbor with the intelligence. A fierce gale is blowing.

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Tommy Ryan has signed articles to meet Jack Root for the middleweight championship.

The heavy snowstorms of the past two weeks have caused a great loss of sheep throughout northern Montana.

Mrs. McKinley returned to Washington Tuesday from New York, where she went to do some Christmas shopping.

Liquidation of the International Packing company was ordered Tuesday at a meeting of the stockholders in Chicago.

William B. Dunton, formerly auditing clerk of the Union National bank, Chicago, was Tuesday found guilty of the embezzlement of \$15,500.

Briscow Gaines, for the past five years superintendent of letter carriers in St. Joseph, Mo., died there Tuesday of peritonitis, aged 58 years.

A man who registered as George Maltby, Omaha, Neb., shot himself behind the ear in a room in the Grand Union hotel, New York, Wednesday.

The business of Stevenson, Field & Co., iron commission merchants of Columbus, O., with branch offices in Chicago and St. Louis, was Tuesday placed in the hands of Charles A. Jencks as receiver.

## MERCIER ON THE WARPATH

Talks in French Senate of Invasion of England.

## CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR

Government Refuses to Consider Resolution Endorsing Mercier's Idea—Demand is Made for Provisions for Speedy Mobilization of Army.

Paris, Dec. 5.—General Mercier caused a deep sensation in the senate yesterday during the debate on the naval bill by pointing out the ease with which England could be invaded. In the course of an extraordinary speech, he said: "In view of the possibility of war with Great Britain the use of the army is not sufficiently taken into account. The times are not the same as they were a hundred years ago. Steam, the navy, the telegraph and railroad have rendered the problem of the invasion of England much easier of solution. Moreover, England herself is no longer the same. The Transvaal war has shown that the British army, although brave, is not equal to the task which England expected it to perform. The British navy is powerful, but it has many costs to defend."

"France, therefore, is numerically England's equal at certain points and is even her superior in the instruments of destruction. History furnishes many instances of mutiny in the English navy at the moment of battle. A landing in England is, therefore, not beyond realization."

"This is not only my opinion, but also that of high naval officials. The British premier recently expressed significant fears, and if the principle of landing is admitted, the practical means of execution may be discussed. 'I venture to think that the work I prepared while commanding an army corps could serve as a basis for such a project, which would not be expensive.'

At this point protests were raised and M. Fallieres asked General Mercier not to enter into the details of the scheme.

General Mercier replied that the scheme could be "held over the head of England like the sword of Damocles," and he reported a resolution that the government would be invited to complete immediate preparations for the mobilization of an army and navy by preparing everything necessary to embark and disembark as rapidly as possible an expeditionary corps. It was declared out of order.

## Envoys Unable to Do Any Business.

Peking, Dec. 4.—As was expected, the meeting of the foreign envoys today did not result in any definite conclusion, owing to the fact that not all of the governments have notified their representatives as to the form of the preliminary note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries. Mr. Conger, the United States minister, said after the meeting: "Apparently it is the desire of all to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. I believe the next meeting will be the final one, but will not be called until every minister has received instructions covering the matters. Personally, I am satisfied with the results of the proceedings today."

## Believes Powers Will Withdraw.

London, Dec. 5.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, who believes that the powers will withdraw their forces from Peking in order to enable the court to return, says: "The policy of scuttling once begun, every power would endeavor to be the first to conciliate the Chinese. Europe has already lost her face so utterly that no further yielding could make her degradation worse."

"Native papers report," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, "that the court has decided to issue an edict ordering the decapitation of Prince Tuan and General Tung Fu Hsiang."

## Guatemala Takes Revenge on May.

New Orleans, Dec. 5.—The steamship Stillwater, from Port Barrios, reached here yesterday and at once made statements before a notary of the arrest of R. H. May, an American citizen who once served the government of Guatemala as the contractor for the Guatemala Northern railroad, at the gateway of the ship. May was thrown in jail upon a charge of attempting to leave the republic with unpaid debts. He recently recovered judgment of \$140,000 against the government.

## Footpads Tackle Wrong Man.

Kansas City, Dec. 5.—Two footpads tried to hold up John Halpin, inspector of detectives, the second officer in command of the police department of this city, last night. Halpin refused to obey the command to throw up his hands and one of the robbers snapped a revolver in the detective's face. The revolver missed fire and the men became alarmed and ran, with Halpin in pursuit. He fired four shots after them, wounding one of them. The wounded man escaped, but the other, who says his name is T. J. Garold, was captured.

## Porto Ricans Send Greetings.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 5.—The Porto Rican house of delegates, which was harmoniously organized yesterday, Senator Manuel F. Rossy being elected speaker, met in joint session with the executive council, the two bodies adopting a resolution to cable greetings to President McKinley. Governor Allen's message, consisting of 5,000 words, was well received.

## CANCER Cannot be Cut Out or Removed with Plasters

Surgical operations and flesh destroying plasters are useless, painful and dangerous, and besides, never cure Cancer. No matter how often a cancerous sore is removed, another comes at or near the same point, and always in a worse form. Does not this prove conclusively that Cancer is a blood disease, and that it is folly to attempt to cure this deep-seated, dangerous blood trouble by cutting or burning out the sore, which, after all, is only an outward sign of the disease—a place of exit for the poison?

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Mrs. Sarah M. Keeshing, of Windsor Ave., Bristol, Tenn., writes: "I am 41 years old, and for three years have suffered with a severe form of cancer on my jaw, which the doctors said was incurable, and that I could not live more than six months. I accepted their statement as true, and had given up all hope of ever being well again, when my druggist, knowing of my condition, recommended S. S. S. After taking a few bottles the sore began to heal, much to the surprise of the physicians, and in a short time made a complete cure. I have gained in flesh, my appetite is splendid, sleep is refreshing—in fact, an enjoying perfect health."

Our medical department is in charge of physicians of long experience, who are especially skilled in treating Cancer and other blood diseases. Write for our advice or information wanted, we make no charge whatever for this service.

## PARDONED BY PINGREE.

General White and General Marsh Given Their Liberty Upon Payment of \$5,000 Fine Each.

Detroit, Dec. 5.—Governor Pingree last night announced that he had pardoned both General W. L. White, ex-quartermaster general, and General A. F. Marsh, ex-inspector general of the Michigan National Guard, who were convicted of complicity in the state military clothing frauds, upon the payment of \$5,000 fine by each. General White was committed to Jackson prison yesterday to begin the ten-year sentence imposed upon him Monday by Judge Wiest, and General Marsh is under bonds pending the result of an appeal of his trial, which resulted in his conviction, to the supreme court. Both General White and General Marsh addressed petitions to the governor yesterday asking executive clemency.

## CONTEST OVER CREED.

Presbyterian Committee Meets to Decide Question of Revision.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The committee of clergymen and laymen appointed by the last general assembly of the Presbyterian church to make a recommendation to the next general assembly, which meets in May, on the question of whether there shall be a revision of the confession of faith, assembled here last night and will continue in session until their work is completed.

Dr. Roberts laid before the committee a tabulation showing the vote of the presbyteries on the questions submitted by the general assembly's committee on revision. It made the following showing: For revision of the confession of faith, 44 presbyteries; for an explanatory statement, 10; for a supplemental statement of doctrine, 47; for a revision and a supplemental statement, 14; for a sub-revision, 15.

Forty-five presbyteries voted to disavow the whole subject, while 43 bodies in this and foreign lands made no response. The total number of bodies reporting aggregated 232. No definite action was taken by the committee.

## Four Schooners Ashore.

Beverly, Mass., Dec. 5.—Four schooners were driven ashore in a gale last night and their ultimate fate is uncertain. The schooners are the E. and G. W. Hines of Callis, lumber laden, from Bangor to Boston; Victory of Bangor, bound for New York; Charles E. Sears of Lubec, Bangor for New York, with lumber, and a schooner, name unknown.

## Death List is Mounting.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 5.—The latest authentic report from Jimulco, Mex., the scene of the recent wreck on the Mexican Central railway, says that 21 bodies have been recovered from the debris. Of the 20 injured persons in the hospitals, seven will die. No Americans, except the trainmen, were injured.

## CHINESE AVOIDING A FIGHT.

Kalgan Expedition Largely a Failure on This Account.

London, Dec. 5.—A special dispatch from Hankow Pass says the Kalgan expedition was ineffective, the Chinese evading all attempts to engage them. The towns en route were occupied unopposed and some tolls of skins and silver were levied. The cavalry captured the baggage of the retreating Chinese force at Suen Hwa Fu, killed 30 of its guards and secured 30,000 taels.

Three mandarins, who were instigators of the massacre of the converts at Suen Hwa Fu, and 23 Boxers were killed, but the Germans generally ignored evidences of anti-foreign activity.

There are continuous disturbances in the interior, where, the dispatch adds, a bad impression has been made by the excessive withdrawal of foreign troops and the complacency of the allies. The missionaries anticipate a recurrence of the outrages.

It is reported in Tien Tsin that the Germans lost 20 killed and many wounded west of Pao Ting Fu, where they were attacked by 2,500 Boxers.

## Counselman Goes to Prison.

Indianapolis, Dec. 5.—In the criminal court yesterday John M. Higgins, member of the city council, was sentenced to the state's prison for an indefinite term between two and 14 years. Higgins was convicted of offering to accept a bribe, promising to push a measure through the council.

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**No Other so Good.** Mr. Hancock, 2120 Hamilton street, Omaha, says he has tried many remedies for kidney trouble, but until he tried Cramer's he failed to find one to give him relief; that after using Cramer's he felt like a new man.

**It Made Him a New Man.** James Richardson, Jr., connected with the Richardson Drug Co., Omaha, suffered greatly with kidney trouble. He, like thousands of others, after using Cramer's is cured and a new man once more. He is glad to recommend this great remedy to sufferers and cannot say too much for Cramer's.

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